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**Recent Papers by Domaniewski.**—A number of ornithological papers by Janusz Domaniewski, some of them dealing with new South American birds, have appeared during recent years in the 'Comptes Rendus de la Societe des Sciences de Varsovie' [Warsaw: Poland], printed in Polish with a French résumé.

In the volume for 1913, is a study of the geographic distribution of the European forms of *Sitta* in which is described *S. europaea sztolemani* (p. 1042).

In 1915 appeared a description of a new warbler, *Sylvia communis volgensis* (p. 550) and a review of the eastern forms of *Passer montanus* with *P. m. dybowski* (p. 562) described as new.

In 1917 appears the second instalment of 'Materials for an Ornithological Fauna of Poland' the third part of which is in the 1918 volume; 'A Contribution to our Knowledge of Palaearctic Falcons', *F. subbuteo usuriensis* (p. 269) subsp. nov.; 'A Contribution to a Knowledge of the Geographic Forms of *Cerchneis naumanni*,' *C. n. sarmaticus* (p. 1044) subsp. nov.; 'On the Palaearctic Forms of *Acanthis*,' *A. linaria asiaticus* (p. 1054) subsp. nov. and a description of *Serinus canarius polonicus* (p. 995) subsp. nov.

The 1918 volume contains a review of the forms of *Grallaria* with two new forms, *G. rufula saturata* (p. 474) from San Rafael, Ecuador; and *G. r. taczanowskii* (p. 475) from Cayandeled, Ecuador; 'Notes of the Forms of *Pyrglana*' with descriptions of *P. leuconota hellmayri* (p. 179) from Chulumani, Bolivia and *P. l. marcapatensis* (p. 180) from Huaynapata, valley of the Marcapata; 'On the Geographic Forms of *Turdus viscivorus*, etc' *T. obscurus buturlini* (p. 444) subsp. nov. and 'On the Forms of *Cynchramus schoenichus*,' *C. s. curvirostris* (p. 745) and *C. s. goplanae* (p. 746) subsp. nov.—W. S.

**Recent Papers on Bird Protection.**—From 'Bird Notes and News' IX, No. 3, we learn of the deplorable plight of the plumage bill in Parliament, where a few agents of the millinery trade are, through methods of procrastination, defeating the obvious desire not only of their fellow members but of an overwhelming majority of the people of England.

There is also a severe arraignment of wholesale egg collecting aroused by the publicity campaign of the "Museum of Comparative Oology" at Santa Barbara, Calif.

In Bulletin 9 of the "Permanent Wild Life Protection Fund" Mr. Hornady has a report on the progress of the movement to induce land owners to forbid shooting of any kind on their estates. There are now no less than 3,131 such sanctuaries in the United States covering in all a million and a half acres. Oregon leads with over 800,000 acres and yet Oregon in a referendum vote has just declined to preserve the famous Malheur Lake bird reservation and has turned it over for land drainage and speculation. The spring 1920 bulletin of the Illinois Audubon Society is as usual an interesting and well illustrated pamphlet, containing among

other things an account of bird life at Olney by Mr. Robert Ridgway. The 'Bulletin of the American Game Protection Association' has an illustrated paper on attracting ducks and feeding them on protected bodies of water.—W. S.

### The Ornithological Journals.

**Bird Lore.** XXII, No. 5. September-October, 1920.

The Screech Owl. By H. E. Tuttle.—Contains some valuable notes on habits. Decapitates its victims eating the head first and in the opinion of the author sees as well as a cat in the daytime.

The Tragic Story of a Titmouse. By George Roberts.—Valuable account of habits of the Tufted Titmouse.

A Hummingbird Story. By W. F. Smith.—Remarkable nesting of a Ruby-throat on the sliding block of a porch swing.

Mount Mazama Bird Notes. By L. L. Haskin.

The Tree Swallow on Long Island. By J. T. Nichols.—Nesting on the south shore and notes on field identification marks.

Dr. A. A. Allen has a popular account of how birds moult and the educational leaflet by T. Gilbert Pearson treats of the Grackles. Mr. Pearson also has an article on new bird colonies on the Texas coast and Dr. T. S. Palmer has a sketch of the late William Dutcher.

**The Condor.** XXII, No. 5, September-October, 1920.

The Pink-sided Junco. By M. P. Skinner.—Its life history in the Yellowstone Park.

The Function of Powder Downs in Herons. By Alexander Wetmore.—Confirms a suggestion of Newton and Gadow that these feathers secrete oily matter used in dressing the plumage. Dr. Wetmore's tame heron gave abundant opportunity to study the whole operation at very close quarters. The uropygial oil gland was not used at all by the young bird and it was found to be non-functional until the bird was practically grown.

Notes on a Few Birds of the Grand Canyon, Arizona. By M. H. Lee.

New and Interesting Records of Pribilof Island Birds. By G. Dallas Hanna.—Includes a record of *Limnocryptes gallinula* new to North America, and complete lists of the breeding birds of each of the five islands.

Notes on Some Birds of Interior Alaska. By L. R. Dice.—An annotated list of 86 species observed near Fairbanks and Tanana and on the Kuskokwim River to Bethel.

**The Oologist.** XXXVII, No. 9, September, 1920.

Dreams. By R. M. Barnes.—An account of the egg collection of the late R. B. Christ.

Migration Notes. By Johnson Neff.—Deals with the Ozark region of Missouri as does another note several pages beyond.

Concerning the Ornithology of the Long Expedition of 1820. By Geo. E. Osterhout.—Curiously enough the writer fails entirely to mention the